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9. (Once Amended) The apparatus of claim 5, further comprising a temperature and/or pressure transducer to either aid automation or to assist a surgeon in noting pressure being applied or the temperature of the cement as it sets.

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10. (Once Amended) The apparatus of claim 6, further comprising means for forcing cement under pressure, through a tube, and into the space defined by the cavity and the component and confined by the seal.

11. (Once Amended) The apparatus of claim 5, wherein the cement is supplied via one or more apertures in the component itself.

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13. (Once Amended) The apparatus of claim 5, further comprising a mating part engageable with the component and locking means for releasably locking the component thereto.

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19. (Once Amended) An apparatus for positioning a component in a human or animal body, the apparatus comprising an elongate body having a head with a surface arranged to cooperate with a surface of the component; a seal for sealing a perimeter of the cooperating surfaces; and a passage for withdrawing air from the space defined by the sealed surfaces so as to releasably hold the component on the head.

20. (Once Amended) The apparatus of claim 19, including one or more cement delivery orifices which communicate with aperture(s) in the component, so that, in use, cement can be supplied, via the aperture(s) to the space beneath and/or surrounding the component whilst the component is locked to, and thereby correctly positioned by, the apparatus.

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48. (Once Amended) The method of claim 46, further comprising removing the seal when the cement has set.